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Joint Military Exercise with France
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have conducted an eight days counter terrorism and counter insurgency bilateral military exercise Shakti-2016 in Rajasthan recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Indian Army and French Army jointly conducted the bilateral exercise 'Shakti-2016' in Rajasthan from 07-16 January, 2016. Exercise Shakti is a platoon level, biennial exercise on joint counter terrorism / counter insurgency operations at a tactical level under the United Nations mandate. The exercise is held alternatively in India and France.

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